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> > April 6, 2007

Mike Provstgaard 808 W 5950 S Palmyra, Utah 84660

Subject: Deficient Reclamation Surety and Reclamation Contract, Mike

Provstgaard, Lost Sheep Mine, S/023/029, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Provstgaard:

On 03/14/2007, the Associate Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining signed the reclamation contract for the Lost Sheep Mine Project Notice of Intention to Conduct Mining, file number S/001/068. A copy of the signed reclamation contract/surety is enclosed for your records. This action has made it possible for your existing reclamation surety to be in place with the Division, however you should note that there are deficiencies either in your Notice of Intent or in your surety/bond amount that need to be rectified.

Right now the amount of surety/bond that is currently posted does not correspond with the information in your NOI. <u>Based on the information in the NOI the Division has determined that you must post a surety in the amount of \$18,600.</u> The Division approved certificate of deposit issued by Zions Bank in the amount of \$5,400.00 is inadequate for this permit.

If your Notice of Intent is not specific as to the area planned for disturbance, you may wish to amend the notice to more accurately reflect your plans. At such time as we receive and review an amended NOI we will determine an appropriate reclamation cost based on the new information and notify you of any changes needed to your surety/bond. If you choose not to amend your NOI we will expect the above stated amount to be filed with the Division within 30 days.

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If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5325 or Tom Munson at 538-5321. Thank you for your help in completing this very important regulatory requirement.

Sincerely, Juan M. White

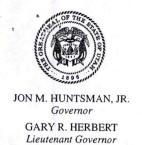
Daron R. Haddock Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

DRH:pb

Enclosure: Copy of reclamation contract/surety (check this to make sure it must be included)

cc: Beth Ericksen opie abeyta@blm.gov



State (Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director

JOHN R. BAZA Division Director

Memo

DATE:

March 13, 2007

TO:

John R. Baza, Director initial

THRU:

THRU:

Susan M. White, Mining Coordinator—Mining initial Shw—not for final approval

Daron Haddock Com-1:

THRU:

Daron Haddock, Compliance Officer-Mining initial

THRU:

Tom Munson, Reclamation Specialist - Mining initial

FROM:

Beth Ericksen initial

SUBJECT:

Request for Surety Approval Without Small Mine Reclamation Contract S/023/029

This memo is to request final approval for the surety in the form of a certificate of deposit (CD) in the amount of \$5400.00 without the operator signed reclamation contract.

As outlined below, several letters have been mailed coupled with personal phone calls, which have resulted in no action by the Operator.

Date of Letter Requesting MRRC	Letter Content	STATUS (actions taken by operator)	
November 28, 2006	Request for \$18,600	Submitted \$5400.00	
December 28, 2006	Request for MRRC with phone call to operator. Operator stated that he will not sign the MRRC	no action	
January 31, 2007	Demand for MRRC	No action and no reply	

Division regulations require an executed small mine reclamation contract, however, the CD documentation must be finalized for the bank and the Division. R647-3-111.4 states: the operator shall submit a completed Reclamation Contract (FORM MR-MR) with the required surety. The form and amount of surety must be approved by the Division.



Memo Page 2 Lost Sheep Mine March 13, 2007

Division approval of the surety does not alleviate the operator of reclamation liability or reclamation responsibility. Division approval does not waive the operator requirement to comply with R647-3-111.4.

FORM MR-RC (SMO)
Revised August 9, 2006
RECLAMATION CONTRACT

Mine Name: Lost Sheep Mine

Other Agency File Number_____

STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of OIL, GAS and MINING

1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 (801) 538-5291 Fax: (801) 359-3940

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SMALL MINE RECLAMATION CONTRACT

This Reclamation Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is entered into between <u>Michael S. Provstgaard</u> "Operator" and the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division").

WHEREAS, Operator desires to conduct mining operations under Notice of Intention (NOI) File No. <u>S/023/029</u> which the Operator has filed with the Division and has been determined by the Division to be complete (Complete NOI) as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, (2005, as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim the lands affected by the mining operations in accordance with the Act and the regulations, and is obligated to provide a surety in a form and amount approved by the Division or the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (Board) to assure reclamation of the lands affected by the mining operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Division and the Operator agree as follows:

- Operator agrees to promptly reclaim in accordance with the requirements of the Act and applicable regulations, as they may be amended, all of the lands affected by the mining operations conducted or to be conducted pursuant to a Complete Notice of Intention.
- 2. The Lands Affected by the mining operations and subject to the requirements of the Act and this Contract include:
 - A. All surface and subsurface areas affected or to be affected by the mining operations including but not limited to private onsite ways, roads, railroads; land excavations; drill sites and



workings; refuse banks or spoil piles; evaporation or settling ponds; stockpiles; leaching dumps; placer areas; tailings ponds or dumps; work, parking, storage, and waste discharge areas, structures, and facilities; and

- B. All mining disturbances regardless of discrepancies in the map and legal description, unless explicitly and clearly identified as EXCLUDED on maps, and legal descriptions included in the Complete NOI; provided lands may be excluded only if: (1) they were disturbed by mining operations that ceased prior to July 1, 1977; (2) the lands would be included but have been reclaimed in accordance with a complete notice or reclamation plan; or (3) the lands were disturbed by a prior operation for which there is no surety, no legally responsible entity or person, and which lands are not necessarily or incidentally intended to be affected by the mining operations as described in the Complete NOI.
- 3. The Operator shall be responsible for reclamation of all such Lands Affected regardless of errors or discrepancies in the maps or legal descriptions provided with the NOI which are intended to assist in determining the location of the mining operations, to describe the areas of disturbance, and to assist estimating the amount of surety required.
- 4. The Operator prior to commencement of any mining operations and as a precondition to the rights under the Notice of Intention shall provide a surety in a form permitted by the Act and in an amount sufficient to assure that reclamation of the Lands Affected will be completed as required by the Act. The Surety shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms unless modified by the Division in writing. A copy of the agreement providing for the Surety for the reclamation obligations herein is included as ATTACHMENT A to this Contract.
- 5. If the Surety expressly provides for cancellation or termination for non-renewal:
 - A. The Operator shall within 60 days following the Division's receipt of notice that the Surety will be terminated or cancelled, provide a replacement Surety sufficient in a form and amount, as required by the Act, to replace the cancelled surety; or
 - B. If the Operator fails to provide an acceptable replacement Surety within 60 days of notice of cancellation or termination, the Division may order the Operator to cease further mining activities, and without further notice proceed to draw upon letters of credit, to withdraw any amounts in certificates of deposit or cash and/or any other forms of surety, and to otherwise take such action as may be necessary to secure the rights of the Division to perfect its claim on the existing surety



for the purpose of fully satisfying all of the reclamation obligations incurred by the Operator prior to the date of termination, and the Division may thereafter require the Operator to begin immediate reclamation of the Lands Affected by the mining operations, and may, if necessary, proceed to take such further actions as may be required for the Division to forfeit the surety for the purpose of reclaiming the Lands Affected.

- 6. The Operator's liability under this Contract shall continue in full force and effect until the Division finds that the Operator has reclaimed the Lands Affected by mining operations in accordance with the Act and regulations, as amended. If the mining operations are modified or for any other reason vary from those described in the Complete Notice of Intention, the Operator shall immediately advise the Division, and the Notice of Intention shall be revised and the Surety amount shall be adjusted as necessary.
- 7. If reclamation of a substantial phase or segment of the Lands Affected by the mining operations is completed to the satisfaction of the Division, and the Division finds that such substantial phases or segments are severable from the remainder of the mining area, Operator may request the Division to find that Operator has reclaimed such area. If the Division makes such finding, Operator may make request to the Division for a reduction in the aggregate face amount of the Surety, and the Division may reduce the surety to an amount necessary to complete reclamation of the remaining mining operations as anticipated by the Complete Notice of Intention in accordance with the requirements of the Act and regulations, as amended.
- 8. Operator may, at any time, submit a request to the Division to substitute surety. The Division may approve such substitution if the substitute surety meets the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules.
- 9. Operator agrees to pay all legally determined public liability and property damage claims resulting from mining operations, to pay all permit fees, to maintain suitable records, to file all required reports, to permit reasonable inspections, and to fulfill all sundry reporting requirements applicable to the mine as required by the Act and implementing rules.
- 10. Operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, Board, and the Division from any claim, demand, liability, cost, charge, suit, or obligation of whatsoever nature arising from the failure of Operator or Operator's agents and employees, or contractors to comply with this Contract.
- 11. If Operator shall default in the performance of its obligations hereunder, Operator shall be liable for all damages resulting from the breach hereof including all costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Division and/or the Board in the enforcement of this Contract.



- 12. Any breach of a material provision of this Contract by Operator may, at the discretion of the Division, in addition to other remedies available to it, result in an order by the Division requiring the Operator to cease mining operations, and may thereafter result in an Order, subject to an opportunity for notice and hearing before the Board, withdrawing and revoking the Notice of Intention, and requiring immediate reclamation by the Operator of the Lands Affected or forfeiture of the Surety.
- 13. In the event of forfeiture of the Surety, Operator shall be liable for any additional costs in excess of the surety amount that is required to comply with this Contract. Upon completion of the reclamation of all of the Lands Affected, any excess monies resulting from forfeiture of the Surety shall be returned to the rightful claimant.
- 14. The Operator shall notify the Division immediately of any changes in the Operator's registered agent, the Operator's address, form of business, name of business, significant changes in ownership, and other pertinent changes in the information required as part of the Notice of Intention. Notwithstanding this requirement, any changes to the Notice of Intention, and any errors, omissions, or failures to fully or accurately complete or update the information on the Notice of Intention, or the attached maps, shall not affect the validity of this Contract and the rights of the Division to enforce its terms.
- 15. If requested by the Division, the Operator shall execute addendums to this Contract to add or substitute parties, or to reflect changes in the Operator, Surety, and otherwise modify the Contract to reflect changes in the mining operations as requested by the Division. All modifications must be in writing and signed by the parties, and no verbal agreements, or modifications in any of the terms or conditions shall be enforceable.
- 16. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.



The signatory below represents that the Operator, if not a natural person, is a properly organized entity in good standing under the laws of Utah and the United States, is registered as an entity authorized to do business in the State of Utah, and that he/she is authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the entity as Operator.

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FACT SHEET

Commodity: FLUORSPAR

Mine Name: LOST SHEEP MINE

County: Juab Disturbed Acres:

Operator Name: Michael Provstgaard

Operator address: 808 W 5950 S PALMYRA UT 84660

Operator telephone: (801) 798-3267 Contact: Michael or Gayle Provstgaard

Operator email: none

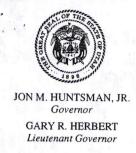
Reclamation surety amount has yet to be determined, based on a permit of 5 acres, surety amount is \$18,600. Operator must modify permit if disturbance is less than 5 acres.

Surety Type: certificate of deposit (CD)

Bank Name: ZIONS BANK Surety Amount: \$5400.00

Account number:

Bank Contact: Rex Wilkerson, Bank Manager Bank Contact phone Number: 801-465-2306



Start L Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director JOHN R. BAZA Division Director

December 19, 2006

Zions Bank P.O. Box 365 Payson, Utah 84651

Attention: Rex Wilkerson, Branch Manager, 801-465-2306

Subject: Reclamation Surety, Certificate of Deposit for Michael S. Provstgaard
Lost Sheep Mine Site, S/023/029, Juab County, Utah, BLM Serial Number UTU-070634

Certificate of Deposit no. Principal Amount \$5,400.00.

This letter describes the mutually agreed upon instructions of the below signed parties to Zions Bank, regarding the control, redemption, and release of Bank's above-described certificate of deposit ("CD"), which is being used as a surety to guarantee the availability of reclamation funds for the Lost Sheep mine site ("Mine Site"), Juab County, Utah. It is the intention of the parties that the CD be utilized as surety to guarantee that \$5400.00 in reclamation funds will be available to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") and the BLM (agency, i.e. BLM, USFS, etc.) upon demand in the event that the operator(s) of the Mine Site are unable or unwilling to complete reclamation of the mine site in compliance with applicable state law and regulations.

Ownership and Renewal:

Ownership of the CD is retained by Michael S. Provstgaard, an individual, but it is held by Bank for the benefit of the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and BLM and is subject to the terms and conditions described in this agreement. Bank hereby acknowledges the pledge of the aforesaid CD to the Division and the BLM and agrees to record the information in the bank's written and electronic records of book entry.



Further, the bank acknowledges and agrees that it shall hold the moneys represented by the CD's as a custodian and agent for the Division and shall be liable to the Division for any and all losses to the principal amount of the aforesaid CD caused in any manner whatsoever during the terms of this agreement. The CD shall automatically renew indefinitely until either redeemed or released by the Director of the Division. The Division may request CD information on an occasional basis. This letter grants approval by Michael S. Provstgaard for the bank to provide CD information to the Division any time an inquiry is made via telephone, email, or letter.

Redemption:

The CD may only be redeemed (i.e., called on demand), pursuant to the written instruction or demand of Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining. Upon the instruction and demand of the Director, the full initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Owners agree and irrevocably instruct Bank that neither the Owner(s), nor any other person claiming an ownership interest in the CD which is derived from the Owners, shall have the authority to prevent the Bank from carrying out the Director's instruction to redeem the CD. Upon redemption, any accrued interest in excess of the initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to Owners' control, or if Owners do not instruct the Bank, the accrued interest shall be reinvested in the CD. If a signature card is prepared, it shall be drafted consistent with the requirement that only the Director of the Division may redeem the CD.

Release:

The Bank shall release the CD only upon the written instruction of the Director of the Division to the Bank. Upon release, the terms and conditions of this agreement are no longer in effect, and the unconditioned control of the CD shall be returned to the Owners, or their legal successors-in-interest. In the event of Bank cancellation/termination of the Certificate of Deposit, the Division may request a transfer or release of the certificate of deposit monies into a state managed cash account to assure or complete reclamation if the Operator does not replace the Certificate of Deposit within the ninety days of Bank cancellation/termination notice. If the Bank is under a forced cancellation/termination, the Bank agrees to transfer or release the CD funds to a state managed cash account at the Division's request.

Accrued Interest:

Prior to release or redemption, all interest which accrues by the CD shall be 1) dispersed quarterly to the Owner(s) as the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank, or 2) shall be reinvested in the CD until such time the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank where to transfer such interest. In no event shall the Bank transfer any amount from the CD which would cause the redemption amount of the CD to be less than the initial amount, \$5400.00. All tax liabilities for accrued interest shall remain the sole responsibility of the Owners.

Bank will not be held liable for any dispute between the parties.

Agreed Upon By:

John R. Baza, Director

Utah Division of Øil, Gas & Mining

Date: 12-20 - 06

Date: 12-20-06

Michael S. Provstgaard Tax ID Number:

Rex Wilkerson, Branch Manager

Zions Bank

December 20, 2006

State of Utah, Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 1594 West North Temple Ste 1210 PO Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

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Attn: Beth Ericksen

This letter acknowledges receipt of a Reclamation Surety by Zions Bank from the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The Bank agrees to the terms and instructions of the CD Agreement letter. An administrative hold has been placed on the account in the amount identified below until such time redemption or release authorization is provided by the Division in accordance with the instructions per the CD agreement letter.

Mine Site: Lost Sheep, S/023/029 Juab County, Utah

BLM # UTU-070634

Account name: Michael S and Gail Provstgaard

Account number: 1
Principal amount: \$5,400.00

Original Acknowledgement: December 12, 2006

Sincerely

Rex Wilkerson Vice President Branch Manager

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING